

To whom it may concern;

I am the licensee of WCLU-AM (facility id 57895) 1490 kHz in Glasgow, Kentucky. 20 years ago I got to buy my hometown radio station and provide hometown radio. We do the local high school ballgames, community auctions, 7 local newscasts daily, all live. We have won more community service awards than we have wall space to hang them. We have the area's only radio news department and many other things that have helped us to grow.

However, in 1998, the owners of my existing tower site asked me to move. Not an easy task for a site built in 1946, with the entire community centered around it. At 413 feet this highly efficient 5/8ths wave tower had to come down, and finding a place to rebuild it and not lose coverage was next to impossible. I finally found a site 2.1 miles east of the original site, but it did not meet the FCC minimum standards for nighttime city grade coverage. We were granted a waiver to reduce efficiency in proceeding file number BP-19990114AB, constructed and then licensed the new transmitting plant.

As predicted, the change in efficiency and the move devastated our existing coverage area. The skywave interference on the west side of town makes the signal unlistenable.

I tell this story to point out that our little radio station covers the community aggressively with a large investment in people and facilities. We no longer cover it technically, due to the mandated tower move. This progressive rural community needs its local radio station back!

The thought of being able to retransmit our programming on the FM band using a translator is exciting. It would simply allow us to continue serving our community of license. We cannot change physics. We can compensate for it using the technology available. **I strongly support AM usage of FM translators.** I believe there are many local broadcasters who would better serve their community by such action.

Sincerely,

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